

## 2012 D-6 Mototrials Rules

Mototrials is the successful negotiation of a marked course while accumulating the least number of points. Here are D-6 Sports Association policies and rider rules for all Mototrials competitors to know and understand.

### **Points Paying Classes:**

\ **Champ**-will ride expert sections with or without splits

\ **Expert**-will ride expert sections with or without splits

\ **Advanced**-will ride 3 advanced and 3 experts with no splits

\ **Intermediate**-will ride 3 easy advanced and 3 hard novice with no splits

\ **Novice**-will ride novice lines

\ **Beginner**-will ride 3 easy novice and 3 expert with beginner starts and finishes

\ **Senior Expert**-35 or older and will ride Advanced lines

\ **Senior "A"**-a rider 35 or older and will ride intermediate lines

\ **Senior "35"**- rider will ride novice lines

\ **Senior "45"**- rider will ride novice lines

\ **Super senior**-"55" rider will ride novice lines

**Progressive Classes** are Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate

**Non-Progressive Classes** are Advanced, Expert classes, and all senior classes

**Exhibition**-can ride any class but receive no trophy or points for that event

**Rider Advancement**-If a rider reaches the advancement number of points, (which is 16 points per event; **(excluding 1 work day and 1 throw out event)**) they will have to move up to the next class the following year. If a rider feels he has been unjustly advanced, the rider may petition (in writing) the points chairperson to remain in the class. Beginners must accumulate 120 points to advance. If a rider advances mid-season, the rider will lose all points from the lower class and start out with a zero score for the higher class.

Riders who have been inactive for two or more seasons may apply for a change in class status. (A) Each case will be looked into and evaluated before any class change is allowed. (B) If a rider is allowed to move back and dominates this class, the chairperson with the help of the representative has the right to move them up a class. (C) A rider must tell chairman before any moves or points do not count. Senior classes are determined by age and riders ability.

**Trophies** are awarded to the rider who has accumulated the most points within the points season. To qualify for a season award the rider must work one event during the point season. A rider is eligible for only one award per season. Unbreakable seasonal points ties will be broken by the most 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, etc. **Year** end exact scores will be broken by the rider's total score for the year in each event that they competed against each other with the lowest score winning. (Total points and award eligibility will be determined by the point's chairman and referee)

**Scoring:** 0-1-2-3-5-10

5 for out of bounds, dismounts or displacement of markers and backing up. 10 points for failure to report to a section.

**Points for the day:**

30-1<sup>st</sup> 25-2<sup>nd</sup> 21-3<sup>rd</sup> 18-4<sup>th</sup> 16-5<sup>th</sup> 15-6<sup>th</sup> 14-7<sup>th</sup> 13-8<sup>th</sup> 12-9<sup>th</sup> 11-10<sup>th</sup> decreasing in one point increments to 20<sup>th</sup> place, decreasing in .1 increments 20-29<sup>th</sup> place.

**A. Fault Definitions:**

1. Footing - any contact providing support between any part of the rider's body or machine (exception; tires,

foot pegs or skid plate) with the ground or an obstacle (tree, rock, etc.). Footing can occur either inside or

outside the boundary. For tires outside the boundary refer to B.13

2. Foot rotation counts as one point.

3. Sliding a foot counts as three points

4. Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two points.

**B. Failure Definitions:**

1. The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider footing.

2. Any displacement of markers with the machine or rider, requiring that they be reset, i.e. breaking or

knocking down. Touching a boundary is not a failure. The rider or machine must make direct contact with

the marker.

3. The rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the

machine.

4. The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when footing while stationary.

5. The rider receives outside assistance.

6. The rider changes the condition of a section. C.11

7. The rider begins a section attempt without the observer's acknowledgment.

8. The engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for

support, without forward motion (The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine

to avoid a five (5).

9. If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.

10. The motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels.

11. The rider fails to pass through all the gates or splits for their class. Only one bike length (6 feet) between

flags of the same color is allowed

12. The front wheel must precede the back wheel when passing through the gates or split.

13. When a marker is passed by either tire on the out-of-bounds side of the marker with the tire on the ground.

In the case of running over a taped boundary, there must be ground visible between the tape and the tire

and the tire must be on the ground on the out-of-bounds side of the tape. It is permitted to float one wheel over

an exterior section boundary but not both tires, i.e., jumping the bike over a boundary is a failure. The front axle

must pass between the start gates and end gates. Both axles must pass through the start gate and all other gates

for the class, except only the front axle is required to pass through the end gate. Riders may only pass through any

gate one time per section attempt.

14. Only the greatest penalty, as defined above, shall be counted for the section. However, the following

points may be added:

### **C. Other Penalties:**

1. A rider may report to the observer and receive a five for that section, even though he does not attempt it.

2. Sections are to be ridden in designated order only. The penalty for missed sections or sections ridden out

of order is ten (10) points per section. Any sections not 'punched' are considered to be missed sections.

3. If blank or unmarked spaces on the scorecards exceed 10% of designated rides, the rider will be

considered a non-finisher.

4. A rider waiting in line to enter a section must not leave their machine. If they do, they must go to the end

of the line. Refusal to comply may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

5 Any section ridden more than once per loop will receive 10 points, in addition to their first attempt score.

6. Practice in any of the sections before or during the event will result in disqualification of the rider from the

trial.

7. When a split start is employed, the rider must start and end each loop on their designated section, or be

considered a non-finisher.

8. Unsportsmanlike conduct, offensive behavior or language, by a rider or minder, will result in a penalty of 5

to 25 points or disqualification of the rider at the discretion of the referee. The 5 to 25 point penalty can be

given at the sole discretion of any observer or course official. Repeated offenses may lead to further sanctions

as per AMA rule Chapter 5, item B-3, against the rider.

9. Exceeding the posted speed limit is a 5-point penalty (*for each offense*) before, during and after the event

10. A rider cutting the course or going backwards on the course may be disqualified at the discretion of the

Referee.

©**Tie Scores**-In cases of a tie score; the rider with the most 0-1-2-3-5 will be declared the winner, and so on. If dabs are the same, a ride off will determine the winner.

**It is advised that checkers not be changed during the event**

©**Stadium Trials**-Stadium Trials are acceptable as points accumulating events. Rules may be altered for the lack of space in the stadium

©**Number System:**

Mototrial numbers are assigned by the District 6 Trials Chairperson based on the riders finishing position during the previous points season. Only front number plates are required for Trials. It is **MANDATORY** that your **CLASS and Number** be displayed on this plate. **Number and letter size should be 2 to 3 inches in height.**

Φ**Sections** are to be clearly marked for the rider. Flags shall be placed in the general line of sight of the rider, no less than 15 inches from the ground and no higher than 36 inches. Minimum width of the section should be 4 feet.

Φ**Flags** are to be of 2 distinctly different colors. Red always to be used for the right hand marker and blue to be used for the left hand marker. The course must not contain impossible turns, accents, descents, or be too hazardous.

Φ**Each** observed section must have pairs of section **Start** and section **End** signs in their respective positions. These start and end signs should be placed at least 4 feet apart and square to the path of the section where practical.

Φ**Sections** are to be separately numbered. The number must be posted at the start of each section. Riders are instructed to ride them in consecutive order only.

The number of sections and number of loops must be announced before the start of each event. No section shall be included which cannot be test ridden a minimum of **3** times by either the representative or a designer to determine the deterioration or whether changes will not tender the section dangerous to the rider.

No section may be altered during the course of the event until each competitor has had equal number of tries at that section, or no scores will be recorded for that section. No section may be closed, altered, or deleted without the express consent of the course representative.

Scoring shall start when the front axle passes the start marker, and shall end when the front axle passes the end marker. (Front axle in, front axle out) The checking official at each section must be stationed so that the entire section is plainly visible. If the character of the section is such that more than one checker is required, penalties will be called by the checker at the end of the section. Also at the end of the section, the rider shall acknowledge his score to be correct. If not tell the checker to note for referee to check the same.

**EThis is the rider's responsibility.Δ**

## **TIME LIMITS**

A reasonable time limit shall be set by the promoting club so as to discourage lagging behind by any rider. Stipulated time may not be changed (minimum time limit of 4 hours). The scorecard must be in the scorer's possession at the designated cut off time. An official clock must be displayed.

**Cut off time should be posted at the location of the rider meeting.**

Checkers will leave sections at the appointed time. Any rider with an incomplete score

will receive a maximum of 10 points for the remaining rides. Riders at the section at cut off time will be checked. Any rider completing at least half of their last loop will be scored 10 points for each remaining section. Any rider Not completing at least half of their last loop will be considered a DNF (Did Not Finish).

**Original score sheets and punch cards must be available for at least one half hour after the final results are posted.**

## **POLICIES**

### **Trials riders must wear a helmet with chin strap fastened**

Once a rider has taken a motorcycle into a section and has been officially scored, he must continue the rest of the trials on that motorcycle. Handlebars, sparkplugs, cables, ect. May be replaced; but the motorcycle must remain initially the same.

If a rider is severely distracted or his line is blocked by spectators or other riders, he may claim a balk. At the discretion of the checker and/or the course marshal, a re-ride of the section may be permitted, however the score to that point will be counted.

One mandatory work day and one throw out event (or no points awarded for the 2011 riding season).

Any rider who fails to abide by these rules and policies or conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner can be disqualified from the event or charged 10 to 100 points on their score.

The District 6 Sports Association seasons runs from December 1 to November 30. District 6 numbers are in effect January 1 to December 31 of the present year.

## **PROTESTS**

Riders will have to submit protests in writing along with a required AMA fee to the club referee within 30 minutes after the final results are posted.

## **SIGN-UPS**

To compete, you **MUST** show both a current AMA **AND** District 6 card at sign-up. Riders not having a district card (any district) **MUST** ride exhibition.

### **EVENT OFFICIALS must check for D-6 and AMA current cards at sign up!**

Event officials are as follows: Trials Chairperson and Club Referee. The club referee is the principal officer. Point's Chairperson will assist club referee in decisions with regards to District 6 rules.

**Club Referees:**

**Trickey Trialers—Henry Holman**

**Rausch Creek- Dave Diehl**

**Candy Town—Kevin Higgins**

**PTR—Jon Michael Minter**

**White Rose—Sunny Dietz**

**Durty Dabbers—Dave Weaver**

**Observed Trials Point's and Numbers Chairperson:**

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**⊘⊘⊘⊘⊘All Inclusive Club Rules⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕**

**⊘ANY UNDER AGE COMSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVAGES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**

**⊘ANY TYPE OF MISCONDUCT TO OTHER PEOPLE OR PROPERTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

**⊘ANY PERSON CAUGHT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE TO PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.**

**If this person happens to be a rider they will not be permitted to ride in that day's event.**